



AMDA NEWS

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Mickey Cone New President

Club Purpose

- Maintain and support a club to further the interests of its members in historic artifacts.
- Compile, record, and preserve historic data.
- Recover lost or hidden relics and artifacts.
- **Provide recreational activity and companionship of its members.**
- Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.

AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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AMDA Needs Your Help

Members need to volunteer for the following:

1. Monthly Snacks
2. Monthly Programs
3. Monthly Hunt Master
4. Monthly Food Donation to Center

Sign up sheets will be at each meeting.



AMDA 2009 Officers

Tom Murray – Secretary

Terry Ellis – Vice-President

Lucille Ellis - Treasurer



AMDA's New President

Mickey Cone and his wife, Virginia

New President

AMDA's president position became vacant after the January meeting. Terry Ellis (vice-president) was the acting president for the February meeting.

At the February meeting, **Mickey Cone** accepted the nomination for President. **Mickey was voted in by 100% of the membership.**

Mickey Cone has been a member in AMDA since February, 2007 and has been metal detecting for several years. Mickey organized a golf tournament for ten years for the company he worked for and was a member in another Metal Detecting Club before he moved to Belen.

Mickey is a great asset to our Club and with all of his past experience of organizing events, he will make a **great President**. Mickey loves having fun, so we know we can look forward to having a good time at the meetings.

Thank you, Mickey, for stepping up to the plate & volunteering when the Club was in need of a president.

Snacks

We need volunteers to sign up for snacks for the months of April through November. Snacks should be just chips, dips, cookies and drinks unless you prefer to bring something else.

Remember you will receive \$20.00 reimbursement for the snacks.

Food Donations to Center

The new president has elected to continue having a drawing for a prize for the members that bring food donations to the Center each month.

All members need to participate in bringing food donations to the center. These donations are in exchange for our use of the meeting room.

Hunting on Private Property

When hunting on private property, **please do not take anything that you do not dig**. If you have a question about what you can take, ask the hunt master or a member that has been in the Club for several years.

When we have guests or new members at the hunts, it is all the members' responsibility to make sure that the guests and new members follows AMDA's Code of Ethics. If you as a member see that a guest or new member is not following AMDA's standards, please let the hunt master know. This is something that needs to be addressed right away.

Respect the owner's property and do not go into storage buildings or storage areas and remove any items. We are there to use our metal detector to dig for finds.

It is very important that members and guests always follow AMDA's standards. **Remember only take what you dig. Cover your holes and leave no damage to the property.**

It is a privilege to be able to hunt the Ghost Towns on private property. Do not do anything that would cause the Club to loss its privilege to hunt there.

Metal Detecting Tips

LITTLE CRITTERS

When searching areas with squirrel or gopher holes, always check the dirt the little critters dig out. You may find good coins that the little critters dug out for you.





February Monthly Hunt



Members hunting at February Hunt



**Moss Tallant Finds
Belt Buckle & Pocket Watch**



Token Found by Marty Hrivnak

February Monthly Hunt

The February monthly hunt was on Saturday, February 21st at the Ghost Town of Tokay with Mickey Cone as hunt master. The membership voted to change the hunt date from February 14th since it was Valentine's Day.

There were eleven members and four guests at the hunt. The members present were: Betty Veitch, Dwayne Argaud, Jack Gilbert, John Parra, Marty Hrivnak, Mickey Cone, Moss Tallant, Robert Wilson, Terry & Lucille Ellis and Tom Murray. The guests present were: Donald Wilson, Leonard Houston, Dan & Vera Rossbach.

The weather was just perfect to Metal Detect. The members and guests hunted until 1:00. After the members displayed their finds, the Hunt Master had a drawing of 4 prizes. Each member and guest received a raffle ticket. The following prizes were won.

1941 Walking Liberty Half....Betty Veitch
1898 Barber QuarterMarty Hrivnak
1902 Barber Dime.....Mickey Cone
1937 Buffalo Nickel.....Dwayne Argaud

Some of the members stayed and hunted for another two hours. Great finds were found during that time.

The Ghost Towns always produced several good finds. Below are some of the finds that were found at Tokay.

Marty Hrivnak.....Toy Cannon, Brass Token with two miners picks on it (Kinney Store, Tokay, NM, good for \$5.00 in Merchandise) valued at \$75.00. **Great find, Marty.**

Mickey Cone....Belt Buckle with horseshoe
Moss Tallant.....Belt Buckle, Pocket Watch
Robert Wilson..Old Ring, Pin and Glass Stopper

Remember when hunting on private property, do not take anything that you do not dig.

The Club does not want to lose its privilege of hunting on this private property.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

Guests: John Estock
Donald Wilson
Leonard Houston
Dan Rossbach (prospective)

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Robert Wilson, 2nd by Betty Veitch.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$743.78. Motion to accept by Betty Veitch, 2nd by Julie King.

Old Business

Julie King stands corrected on research finding hunt sights in 2008.

Carthage scavenger hunt winners: Julie King \$20, Mickey Cone \$15, Chuck Teyssier \$10.

Mickey Cone spoke about his hunt on the west side of the Manzano Mountains. He found several dimes & a few pennies. He also found an old mine tunnel with a perfume bottle & a bucket with gloves & hammer in it.

Marty Hrivnak found a "League of the Cross" belt buckle in San Jose, California worth about \$2475, lots of bottles, Indian head pennies & old nickels.

New Business

The Club voted on "Suggestions" of changes for 2009. **All suggestions: #1-#9 passed (Page 6).**

Votes	Yes	No
1.	16.....	0
2.	15.....	1
3.	15.....	0
4.	17.....	0
5.	17.....	0
6.	18.....	0
7.	18.....	0
8.	17.....	0
9.	17.....	0

Also discussed was how much money the club should carry over at the end of the year (legally).

Annual Hunt Volunteers

Jim Westmoreland and Ray Alexander stepped-up and volunteered.

Mickey Cone suggested renting tables at the monthly meeting to sell what the member had found and the member would keep excess money above rental cost.

We took a break at & 7:31 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:51 PM

Mickey Cone was nominated for President of AMDA. The club voted a unanimous Yes.

The monthly hunt will be at the Tokay Ghost Town at 9:30 AM on Saturday. The club will meet at McDonalds in Socorro between 8:15-8:30. Leave McDonalds at 9:00.

Raffle

1882 Silver Dollar..... Tom Murray
1935 Walking Liberty..... Gary Tom
1898 Barber Quarter Tom Murray
1901 Barber Dime Betty Veitch
1899 V-Nickel Jim Westmoreland
1889 Indian Head Leonard Houston

Motion to adjourn by Betty Veitch, 2nd by Julie King.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2009

**AMDA
Annual Release Form**

AMDA assumes no responsibility for personal loss or injury to members at any time.

In consideration of the privilege of being permitted to participate in Albuquerque Metal Detector Association (AMDA) activities, the undersigned agree(s) to hold harmless from liability; and waives, releases, and discharges the AMDA, its officers, its Executive Committee members, hunt master, its members from any and all liability, claim or cause of action for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which the undersigned might receive or sustain from any cause or for any reason in connection with the activities of the AMDA, irrespective of when, where, how or from whatever cause such loss or injury might be sustained. This release is intended to be absolute and entire and binding upon the undersigned, his/her heirs, personal representative and assigns.

I understand and accept that the activities of the AMDA can be dangerous both from natural and man-made causes and the member must take full responsibility for the risks incurred in such activities, both for himself / herself, family members, and guests.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations and BYLAWS established by the AMDA, the rules and regulations of any applicable government agency, federal or local.

Year _____

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse Signature (if family Membership): _____

Date: _____

Guest Signature: _____

Date: _____

This release is required to be signed by members/guests before they can participate in AMDA's activities.

Above is AMDA's new release form that all members are required to sign. The wording of this form came from the back of the Member Application Form that all members have signed when joining AMDA.

AMDA Changes

Proposed Changes were presented by Terry Ellis (acting President) to the Executive Committee before the February meeting. **All the proposed changes were approved by the Executive Committee.**

At the February meeting, these proposed changes were present to the membership. Julie King read the proposed changes and members voted on each change.

Proposed changes

1. **AMDA will no longer have Finds of the Month and Finds of the Year with year end prizes.** The Club will have show & tell only.
2. **AMDA will have coin raffle once a year and 50/50 raffle for 10 months.** Membership will vote on the month to have the coin raffle in 2010. The remaining months in 2009 will be 50/50 raffles.
3. **AMDA will reimburse members up to \$20.00 for snacks and paper items for the monthly snacks.** Members do not need to provide a receipt to receive the reimbursement.
4. **AMDA will have a sign up sheet for speakers and educational things for the meetings.** If members do not volunteer there will be no speakers or educational things for the meetings. The Vice President only coordinates the monthly program/speaker for the club meetings (Per the Bylaws).
5. **AMDA will not have fund raisers for the annual hunt.** The Annual Hunt fees will be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00.
6. **AMDA members will not record their finds at the Monthly Hunts to be published in the newsletter.** If you find a great find, e-mail a picture of it with a description to the newsletter editor for the newsletter.
7. **AMDA will have more monthly hunts at Ghost Towns if the membership votes to go there.** Remember you need to be at the meeting so you can vote where you want to go.
8. **AMDA will only have one hunt each month.** Members can volunteer to organize a special hunt during the month at any time. The volunteer can give all the details of the special hunt at the meeting.
9. **AMDA members will vote at the November meeting on the amount of cash that should be carried over to the New Year.**

The officers and the executive committee drafted these proposed changes to stream line the Club's functions.

It was published in the January newsletter that these proposed changes would be presented to the membership at the February meeting encouraging all members to be at the meeting so they could have a vote in the Club's future.

The membership approved all the proposed changes listed above. These changes will be effective immediately for AMDA.



Mickey Cone Finds



Toy Cannon Found by Marty Hrivnak



Jim Rainey Found Lost Ring



February Monthly Meeting

Treasurer's Report

February 9, 2009

Beginning Balance..... \$514.28

Income:

Raffle Ticket Sales 60.00

Membership Dues 400.00

FMDAC Dues 75.00

Expenses

FMDAC Dues (85.00)

Monthly Raffle Prizes (60.00)

Website 4/08-9/08 (71.70)

January Hunt Prizes..... (45.00)

Office Supplies & Printing (43.80)

Ending Balance \$743.78

Jim Rainey

Lost Ring found and returned

On January 13, 2009, a lady living in South West Amarillo called "Valley De Ora Detecting Shop" and talked to owner (Dennis Gee) who is a member of "The Amarillo Prospectors and Metal Detecting Club". She told Dennis that she had lost her wedding ring while removing Christmas tree lights from two small trees in her yard.

Dennis called Jim Rainey and George Baca also members of The Amarillo Prospectors and Metal Detecting Club, reporting the lost ring and the ladies phone number.

After fifteen minuets of detecting, Jim Rainey found the lost ring. The lady (who was working) was called and she arrived shortly after and the ring was returned.

Jim Rainey and George Baca are also members of AMDA.

Congratulations, Jim, on finding the lost ring.

Members Anniversary

Dan Salazar..... 4 years
Dwayne & Linda Argaud 2 years
Mickey & Virginia Cone..... 2 years
Ray & Sharon Alexander..... 1 year
Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland..... 1 year



Happy Birthday
January & February

Cherie Tom..... January 24
Moss Tallant January 28
Linda Solomon February 4
George Baca February 12

Annual Hunt Committee

Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis

Research Committee

Tony Castillo

Membership Committee

Julie King

Officers

PresidentMickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
SecretaryTom Murray
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009

March.....Mickey & Virginia Cone

February refreshments were provided by
Dwayne Argaud. Thank you!

Executive Committee

3 year Vacant
3 yearBetty Veitch- 1st yr
2 yearDwayne Argaud - 1st yr
2 yearGary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year.....Allan Veitch

Meetings

AMDA meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of
each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231
Candelaria NW.

For more information call Terry Ellis at (505)
294-5296.

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official..... Betty Veitch
Hunt Master Monthly sign up sheet
Photographer..... Julie King

Club Mailing Address

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Let us know if you have anything of interest to add to the newsletter. You can see us at the meeting or drop us an e-mail at: tellis106@comcast.net

Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009
January 17.....February 21
March 14.....April 18
May 16June 13
July 18August 15
September 19.....October 17
November 14.....December -No Hunt

Reminders
Aluminum
Allan Veitch collects aluminum from club members to benefit the Annual Hunt. Please bring your cans and other aluminum scraps in bags to each meeting for Allan (or Betty) to pick up.
Food Donation to the Center
Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the center in exchange for our use of the facility.

FOR SALE– AMDA CAPS
Cost is \$8 per cap. If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

For Sale
Club members can advertise items for sale here. If you have something for sale, let us know & we will put it in the newsletter.

AMDA Website
Be sure and check out our club website often – <http://www.amdaclub.com>. Our website allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tip etc. To check out “Member Only” section you will need the user name and password. If you do not have this information, please e-mail the newsletter editor at tellis106@comcast.net.

WORD OF CAUTION – there is a section on the forum (what’s new) that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

REMINDER – Please do not share the password with non-members.

Treasure Hunter’s Code of Ethics

1. NEVER TRESPASS. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. FILL ALL HOLES, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage or be damaging to property.
3. NEVER DESTROY priceless historical or archaeological treasures.
4. DO NOT build fires, camp or park in non-designated or restricted areas.
5. LEAVE all gates and other accesses to land as found.
6. NEVER LITTER. Always pack out what you take in, and remove all trash dug in your search.
7. DO NOT damage, deface, destroy, or vandalize any property (including ghost towns and deserted structures). Never tamper with any equipment at the site.
8. RESPECT AND UPHOLD all finders, search and salvage agreements.
9. ABIDE by all laws – national, state, county and local.
10. ALL METAL-DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY THE EXAMPLE YOU SET. Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

Site Links (AMDA Website)

(1) On-line Treasure Magazine:

American Digger Magazine <http://www.americandigger.com/>
Lost Treasure <http://www.losttreasure.com/>
Western & Eastern Treasures <http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>

(2) Metal Detector Manufactures:


Garrett Metal Detectors <http://www.garrett.com/>
Minelab Metal Detectors <http://www.minelabusa.com/>
White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>



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